- One Technical Service Centre
- 3 Four Chawkie Rearing Centres
- One Cocoon Market
- One Cocoon Testing and Grading Unit
- One Cocoon Drying chamber
- One Demonstration-cum-Training Centre
- One Farmers Training School

Declaration of Sundarban Water

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT

- the consideration of his ministry to declare the sundarban water area as National Wa terway,
 - (b) if so the details thereof and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) to (c) The Inland waterways Authority of India had submitted a proposal to declare the Sundarban stretch along the international steamer route as National Waterway The proposal was examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries / Departments and the IWAI has

been asked to workout details of cost savings as a result of development of the proposed National Waterway and the details of Physical works that could be take up with minimal expenditure

Trade Potentials in Gulf Countries

4883 KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to stated

- (a) hether there is a tremendous trade potential in the Gulf countries.
- (b) If so, the steps taken to establish trade with those countries, and
- (c) the area in which the trade has already been established, country wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN ISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) There is a continuing flow of trade between India and the Gulf countnes Trade with Iraq is, however subject to the economic sanctions imposed by the UN security council Major items exported to other Gulf countries viz . Bahrain, Kuwait Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Re public and Yeman, include engineering goods, fruits & Vegetable, processed foods, rice, tea, textiles, gems & jewellery chemi cals etc. Steps taken to increase trade and commercial cooperation with the Gulf coun tries include discussions at Govt to Govt level at the for of Joint Commissions Com mittees, participation in trade fairs & exhibi tions, encouragement to Indian companies to establish direct contacts with their coun terpart organisations in these countries etc.

Warship Andaman

4884 SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN Will the minister of DEFFNCE be pleased to

state

- (a) whether the warship Andaman had fallen in accident on August 20, 1990,
- (b) if so, the fate of the movable and immovable properties belonging to the official and non official employees of that ship.
- (c) number of persons present on board and the persons who lost their lives during accident;
- (d) whether the next of kin of all the officers and seamen drowned have since been provided with compensation or em ployment
 - (e) if so, the details thereof, and
 - (f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) in Andaman apetya Class patrol vessel sank in the Bay of Bengal at 1405 hours on the 21st August, 1990

- (b) Personal belongings of all the per sonnel on board were lost at sea along with the ship
- (c) The ship had a complement of 11 officers and 121 sailors on board 15 of them lost their lives
 - (d) Yes Sir
- (e) The next of kin of all the deceased personnel have been paid compensation which includes special Family Pension / Dependents Pension Death Gratuity, Family Transfer and Luggage Allowance Besides the above, payments from Non-public Funds like the Indian Naval Benevolent Fundand the Naval Group Insurance scheme have also been made Employment assistance has been sanctioned in four cases